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## **USA Volleyball Open National Championships at the Kentucky Exposition Center**

**LOUISVILLE, KY (May 16, 2013)** – The USA Volleyball Open National Championships comes to the Kentucky Exposition Center May 24-29. With more than 5,000 players and 492 teams, the tournament is expected to generate more than \$4.2 million in economic impact for Louisville.

The competition runs Friday, May 24-Wednesday, May 29, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. each day in the North Wing, East Hall and South Wings AB of the Kentucky Exposition Center. This event is free and open to the public. Parking is \$8 per vehicle.

The USA Volleyball Open National Championships have 33 championship brackets, offering competitions for skill level participation, age group and height-limited competition for men and women. Anyone 18 and over can compete in these open divisions. Age group competition ranges from 40-and-over for men and women to the men's 76-and over-division. There will be two co-ed divisions, two height-restricted divisions and one Special Olympics National Unified division.

This year the USA Volleyball Open National will feature its first ever sitting volleyball division. Sitting volleyball is a fast-pace discipline that can be played by anyone with no restrictions on age, gender, ability or disability.

For more information, visit <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events/Indoor/Adults/2013-USA-Volleyball-Open-National-Championships.aspx>.

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One of the top 10 largest public facilities of its kind in the United States, the Kentucky Exposition Center features 1.2 million square feet of indoor space including Freedom Hall, an indoor arena which seats over 19,000 people. The facility's class "A" exhibit space totals 425,700 square feet and accommodates an amazing spectrum of events year round. The expo center is the permanent home for the Kentucky State Fair, the National Farm Machinery Show, and the North American International Livestock Exposition. Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just five minutes south of downtown Louisville. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle. For more information, go online to [www.kyexpo.org](http://www.kyexpo.org).